



# An almost elementary Higgs + a few thoughts

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## Two directions should be pursued

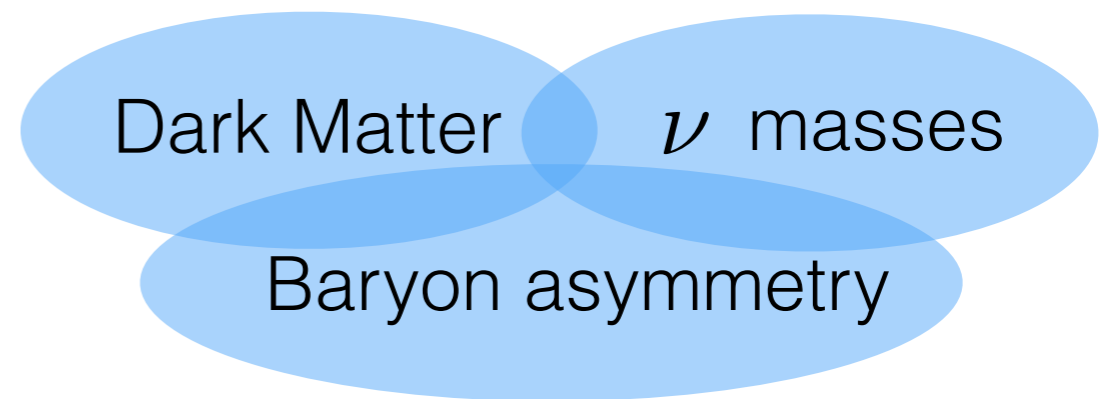
LHC is sensitive to TeV scale NP  
with  $\mathcal{O}(0.01 - 1)$  couplings

Natural New Physics is being tested

Effective Field Theory can provide  
indirect reach to higher NP scales

Keep exploring this path

Relax the naturalness criteria  
and focus on evidences



Look for NP not related to  $\delta m_H^2$

This talk

$$\frac{\delta m_H^2}{m_H^2} \gg 1$$

$$\theta G^{\mu\nu, a} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a, \quad \theta \ll 1$$

$$\frac{m_\tau}{m_{top}} \ll 1$$



$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \sim 0.1$$

$$m_\nu \neq 0 \ll 1$$

$$\frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \sim 10^{-10}$$

# Theories of Vector-Like Confinement

Strongly coupled extensions of the SM that **do not break** EW symmetry



The Higgs mass is fine tuned!

- Vector-Like fermions charged under  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{SM}}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{NP}}$
- $\mathcal{G}_{\text{NP}} \sim SU(N), SO(N), Sp(N)$  interaction that confines at a scale  $\Lambda$

Bound states of the new strong interaction are formed

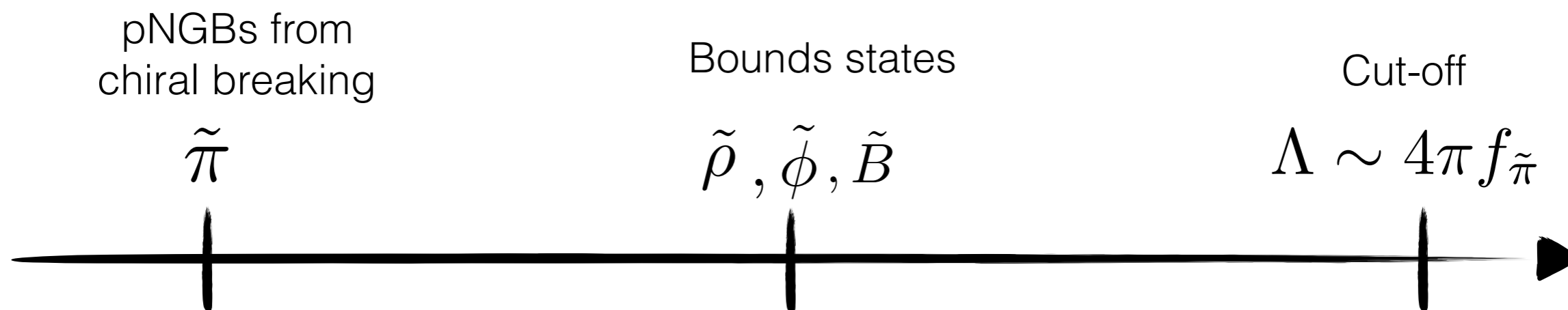
# Theories of Vector-Like Confinement

- $\mathcal{L}_{UV}$  contains
- kinetic terms for new gauge and fermion fields
  - interactions among the fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} \sim m_{\psi_1} \psi_1^c \psi_1 + m_{\psi_2} \psi_2^c \psi_2 + y H \psi_1 \psi_2^c$$

Mixing with the Higgs can be present depending on  $\psi$  SM quantum numbers  
This mixing has **strong implications** for VLC phenomenology

## Spectrum of the theory



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- **Dark Baryon number** conservation leads to the stability of the lightest techni-baryon, as for the proton in the SM
- **Dark Species number** leads to the stability of techni-mesons made of 2 different species: this symmetry is broken by Yukawa interactions.

Both bounds states can be Dark Matter candidate. [[Antipin et al. 1503.08749](#)]

# Theories of Vector-Like Confinement

Techni-hadrons at  $\sim$  TeV to be the full observed Dark Matter

Other resonances expected at the same scale, i.e. within the LHC reach

- **What kind of phenomenology do we expect?**
- **What can the LHC say on these type of theories?**

For concreteness

- $SU(N)$  gauge theories with  $\square$  VLFs
- VLFs charged only under  $\mathcal{G}_{EW}$  Colored guys heavily discussed at  $F^{-750}$  time
- VLFs representations that appear in  $SU(5)$  GUTs

$$N = (n, 1)_0,$$

$\sim$  Bino

$$L = (n, 2)_{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

$\sim$  Higgsino

$$V = (n, 3)_0$$

$\sim$  Wino

# Theories of Vector-Like Confinement

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} = y_N H L N^c + \tilde{y}_N H^\dagger L^c N + y_V H L V^c + \tilde{y}_V H^\dagger L^c V + m_V V V^c + m_L L L^c + m_N N N^c + h.c.$$

Scenario with  $m_\psi < \Lambda$  : QCD like chiral dynamic

[For the complementary regimes see 1707.05380]

A set of pNGBs is delivered

$$L \times N^c = K_\alpha$$

$$L \times V^c = K_\alpha + H_{a\alpha}$$

$$V \times V^c = \eta + \pi_a + \phi_{ab}$$

$$L \times L^c = \eta + \pi_a$$

The chiral lagrangian describes the confined dynamics

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}[D_\mu U D^\mu U^\dagger] + (g_\rho f_\pi^3 \text{Tr}[M U] + h.c)$$

Kinetic, mass and yukawa

$$- \frac{N}{16\pi^2 f_\pi} \sum_{G_1, G_2} g_{G_1} g_{G_2} \text{Tr}[\pi^a T^a F^{(G_1)} \tilde{F}^{(G_2)}]$$

Axial anomaly

$$+ \frac{3g_2^2 g_\rho^2 f_\pi^4}{2(4\pi)^2} \sum_{i=1..3} \text{Tr}[U T^i U^\dagger T^i]$$

Gauge contributions



# Theories of Vector-Like Confinement

## From the mass term

$$y_{\pm} = (y \pm \tilde{y}^*)$$

$$\mathcal{L} \subset -m_K^2 |K|^2 - iy_- g_{\rho} f^2 (bK^{\dagger} H + h.c.) + y_+ g_{\rho} f (a_1 \eta K^{\dagger} H + a_3 \pi^a K^{\dagger} \sigma^a H + h.c.)$$

Mixing between the elementary Higgs and the composite Kaon



Before mass mixing only the SM elementary Higgs has coupling to SM matter

**Half-Composite Type-I 2HDM** [Antipin and Redi 1508.01112]

# Theories of Vector-Like Confinement

## From the anomaly term

$$\Gamma(\Pi \rightarrow VV) = c_{\Pi}^2 \frac{\alpha_i \alpha_j m_{\Pi}^3}{64\pi^3 f^2},$$

Anomaly coefficients:  
depend on the reps of the VLFs

- Pions of identical species promptly decay through anomalies

$$\text{QCD} \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \quad \text{vs.} \quad \pi^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu \quad \tau_{\pi^0} \ll \tau_{\pi^{\pm}}$$

From the point of view of the QED-QCD system this decay occurs through a non-renormalizable operator

Pions of different species can only decay through Yukawa terms

They are stable from the point of view of the strong sector

**Technimeson Dark Matter** [Antipin et al.1503.08749]

# Indirect bounds on VLC theories

## Higgs couplings

$$\mathcal{L} \supset |D_\mu H|^2 + |D_\mu K|^2 + \frac{c_K}{2f^2} (\partial_\mu |K|^2)^2 - \epsilon m_K^2 (K^\dagger H + h.c.) + y_u \bar{Q}_L \tilde{H} u_R + y_d \bar{Q}_L H d_R + y_e \bar{L}_L H e_R$$

Universal shift of Higgs couplings

$$\frac{c_K |\epsilon|^4}{2f^2} O_H \quad \left. \frac{g_h}{g_h^{SM}} \right|_{\text{comp.}} = 1 - c_K |\epsilon|^4 \frac{v^2}{f^2},$$

2HDM structure

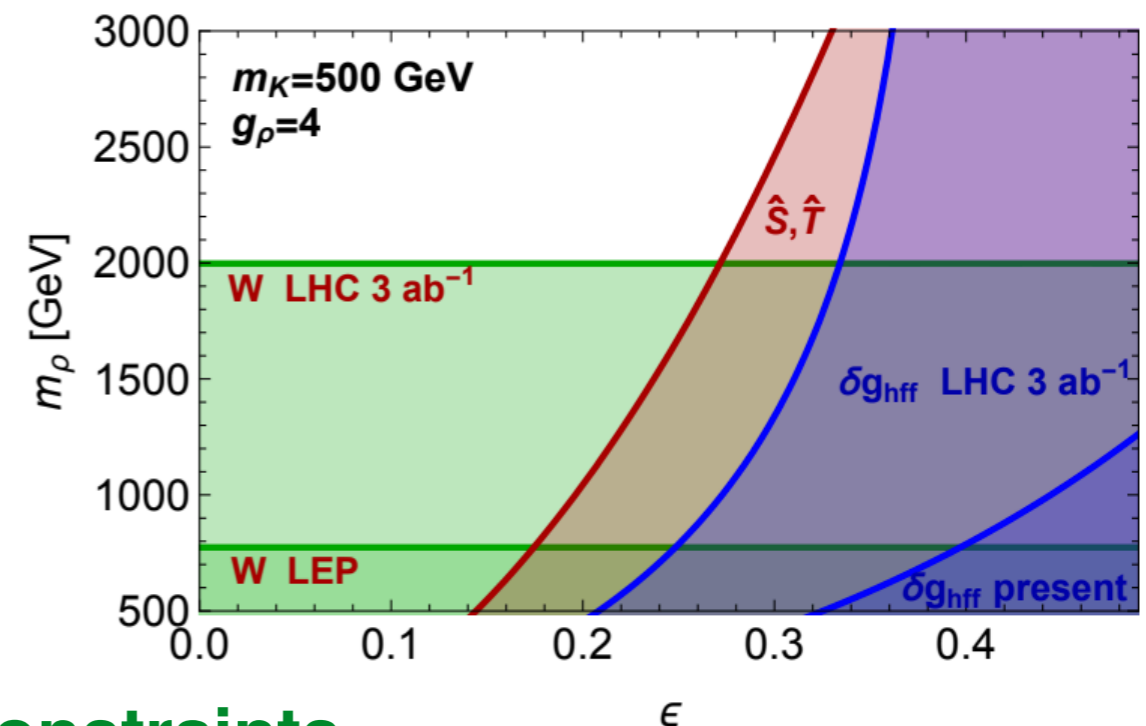
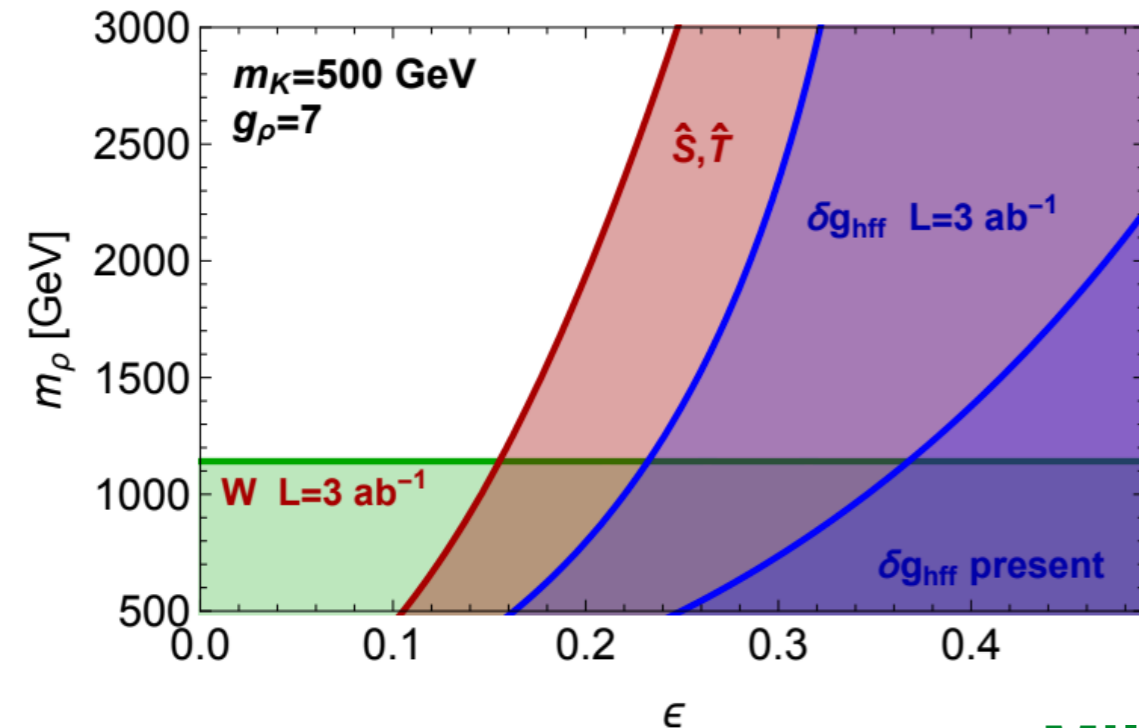
$$\frac{\delta g_{hff}}{g_{hff}} = |\epsilon|^2 \frac{m_h^2}{m_K^2} \quad \frac{\delta g_{hVV}}{g_{hVV}} = -|\epsilon|^2 \frac{m_h^4}{2m_K^4}$$

**EWPO**

$$\hat{T} \sim \epsilon^4 \frac{v^2}{f^2}$$

$$\hat{S} \sim \epsilon^2 \frac{m_W^2}{m_\rho^2}$$

$$W \sim \frac{m_W^2}{m_\rho^2} \frac{g_2^2}{g_\rho^2} = N \frac{\alpha_2}{4\pi} \frac{m_W^2}{m_\rho^2}$$



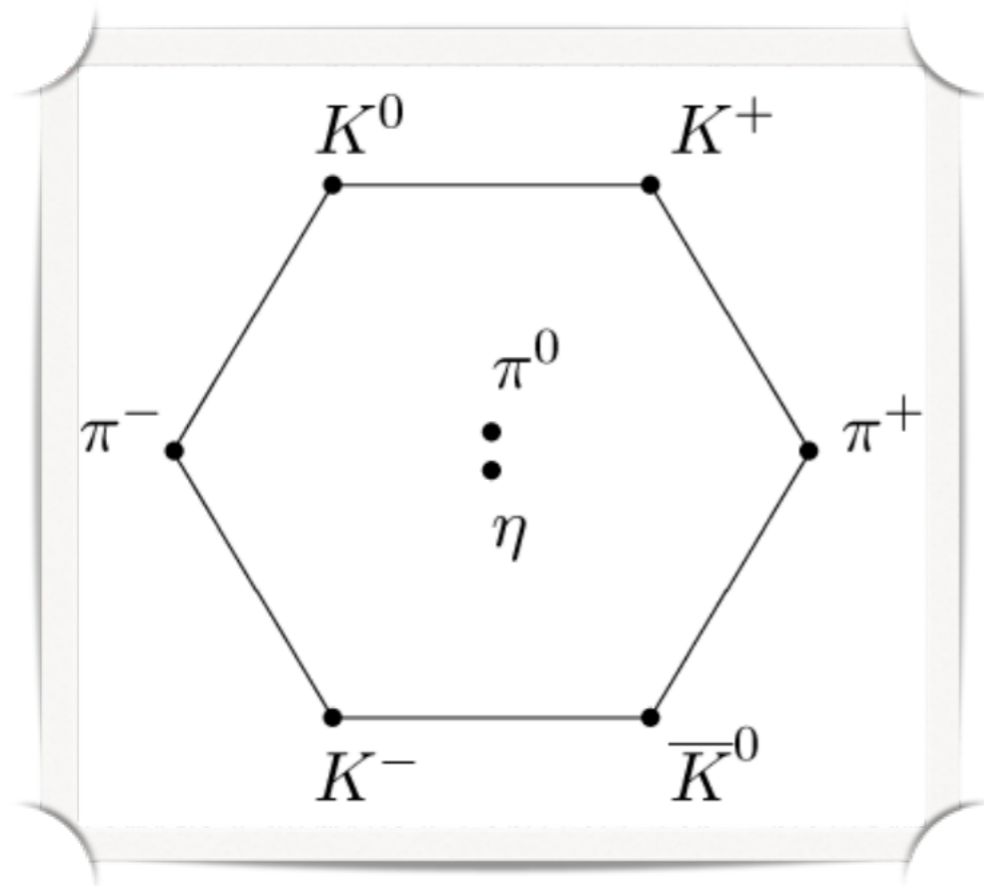
$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \times y_-$$

**Mild indirect constraints...**

# Collider Physics of VLC theories

Benchmark scenario:  $L + N$  model

Three light flavours, chiral dynamics as in QCD - Easy to study



Techni-pions eightfold way

Tower of techni-rho present

$\eta$  singlet - EW ALP like particle

$K$  complex doublet mixing with the Higgs

$\pi$  real triplet

# Collider Physics of VLC theories

$$y_+, y_- \sim 0$$

## Anomalous scenario

- $K, \pi$  pair produced via EW interactions

$$\mathcal{L} \sim gW_\mu^a K^\dagger \sigma^a \overleftrightarrow{D} K$$

and through techni-rho decay  $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$

- $\eta, \pi$  decay through anomalies
- $K$  stable

“Universal” phenomenology

$$y_+, y_- \neq 0$$

## Mixed scenario

- $K$  and  $H$  mix

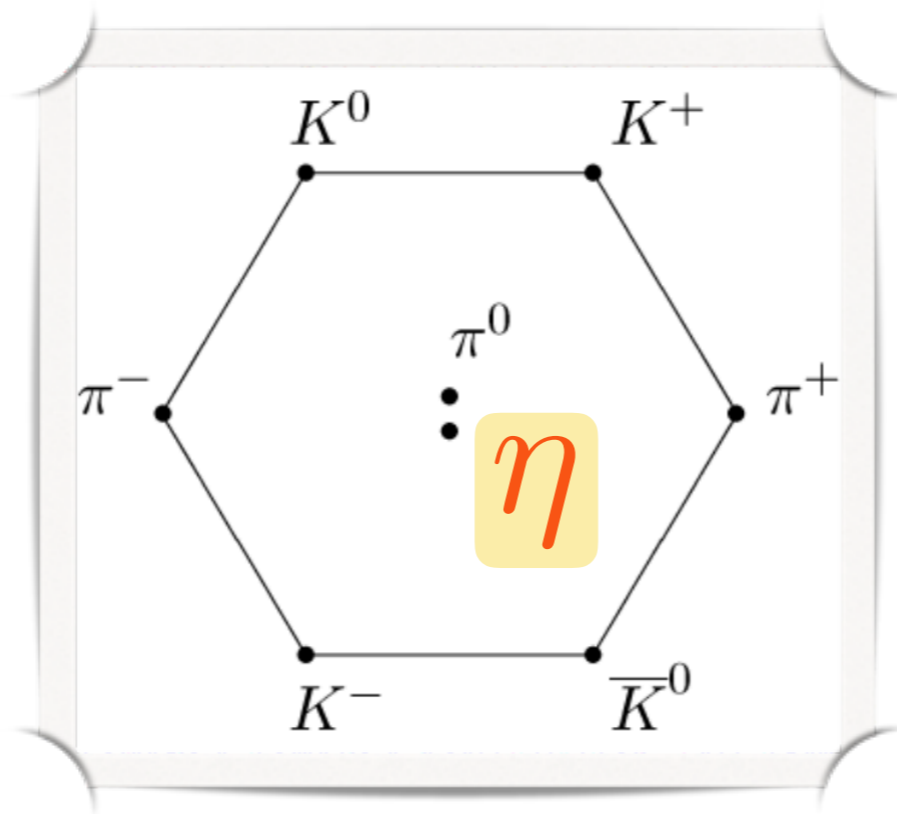
- The Higgs VEV induces a mixing amongst all the pions

- Pions inherit also Higgs like decay

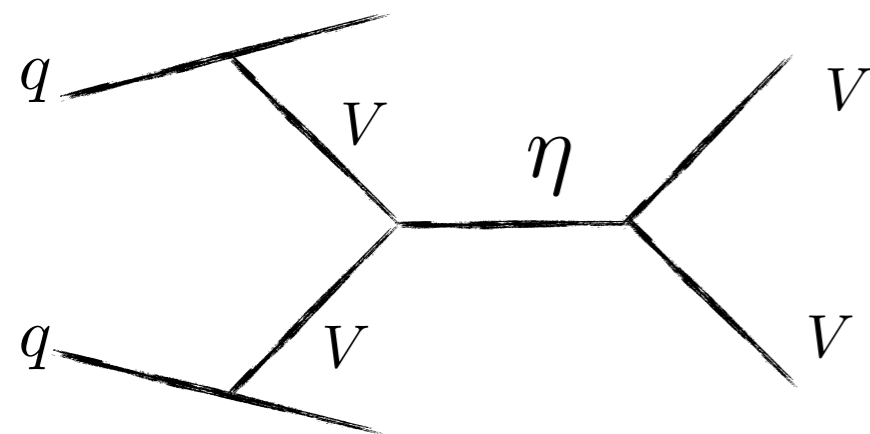
$$y_+ \ll y_- \text{ or } y_+ \gg y_-$$

Model dependent phenomenology

# Collider Physics of VLC theories

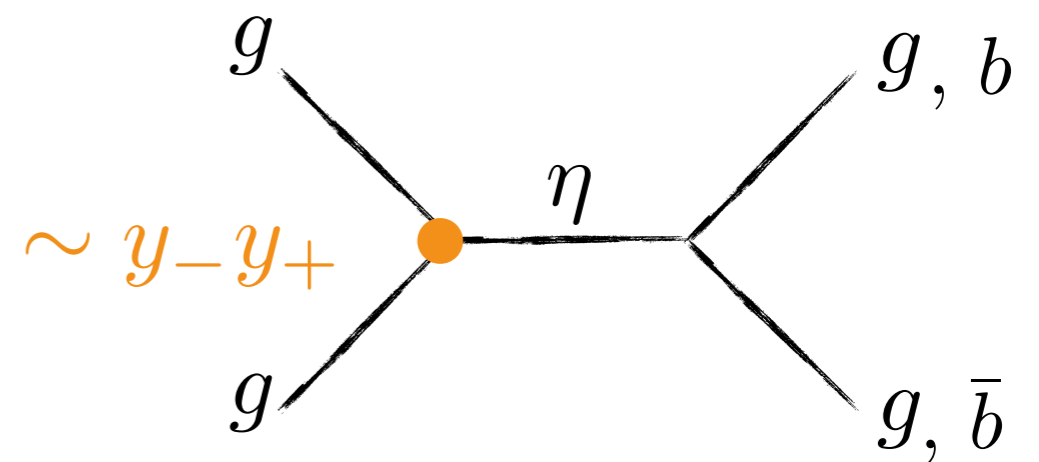


Anomalous scenario



**Small production rates**

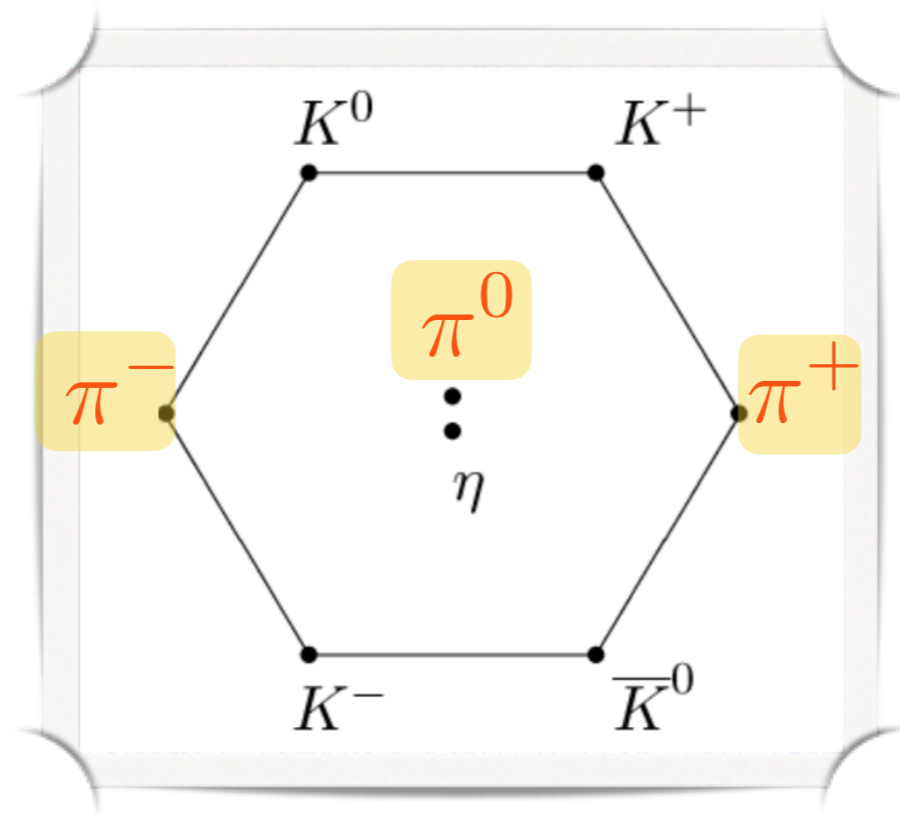
Mixed scenario



**Large backgrounds**

**Elusive state: what can we say at the LHC for EW ALPs?**

# Collider Physics of VLC theories

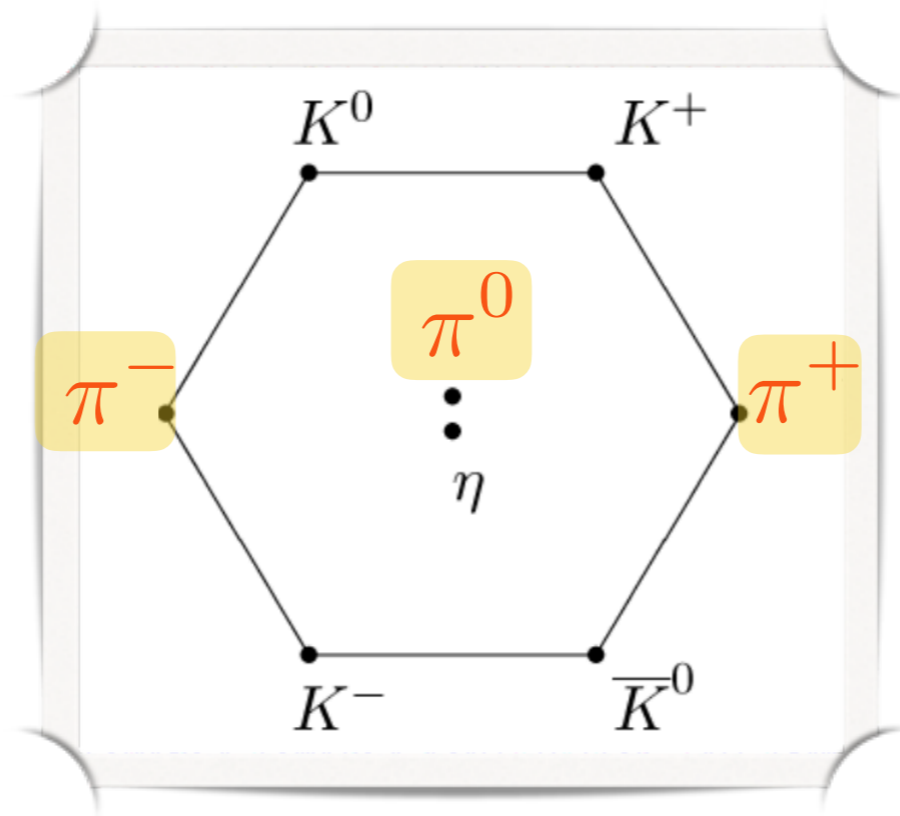


Mixed scenario:

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \epsilon y_+ m_\rho \pi^a H^\dagger \sigma^a H$$

- decay to longitudinal gauges bosons and fermions
- behaves as a Higgs-like states - production via gluon fusion
- possible to recast ZZ and WW resonances:  $y_- y_+ < 0.1$

# Collider Physics of VLC theories



## Anomalous scenario:

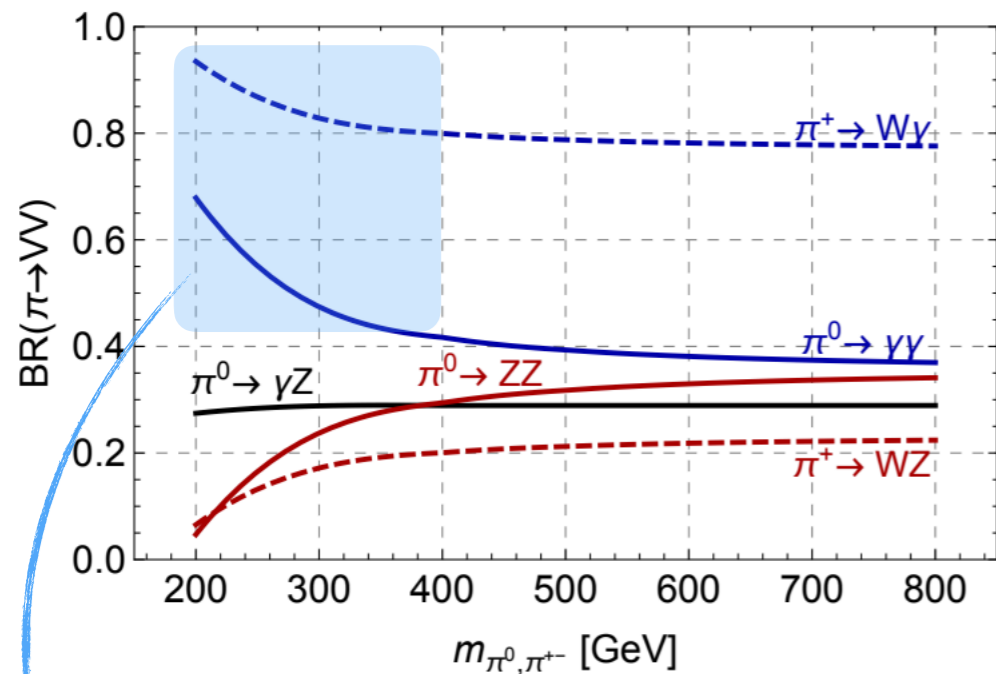
- pair production through s-channel SM gauge boson or techni-rho  
Single production through VBF generally subdominant
- decays in transverse gauge bosons
- sizable rates with clean final states!



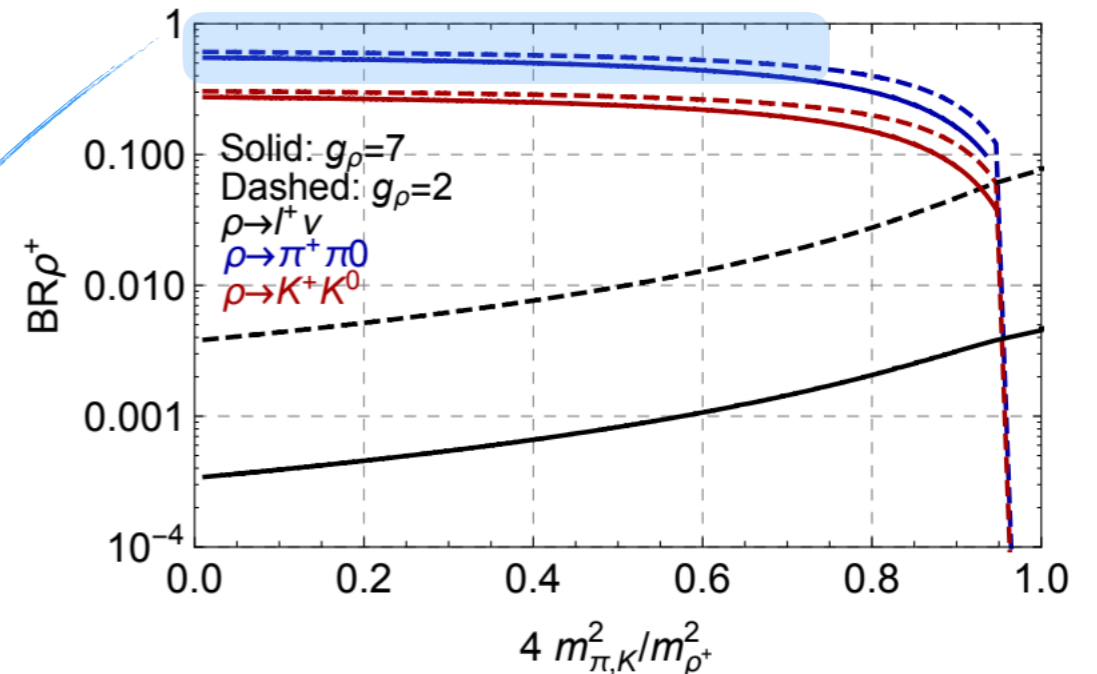
# Collider Physics of VLC theories

$$\mathcal{L}_{F\tilde{F}} = -c_{WB}^{\pi} \frac{g_{192}}{16\pi^2} \frac{\pi_a}{f} W_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \sim g_{\rho} \rho_a^{\mu} (\pi^T T^a \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\mu} \pi)$$



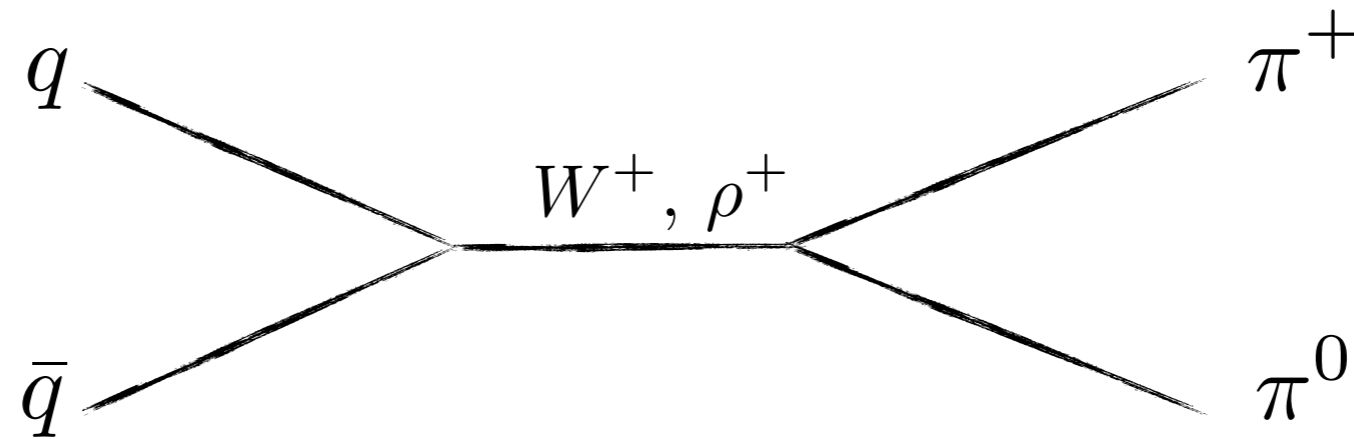
Decays with photons  
are the dominant ones



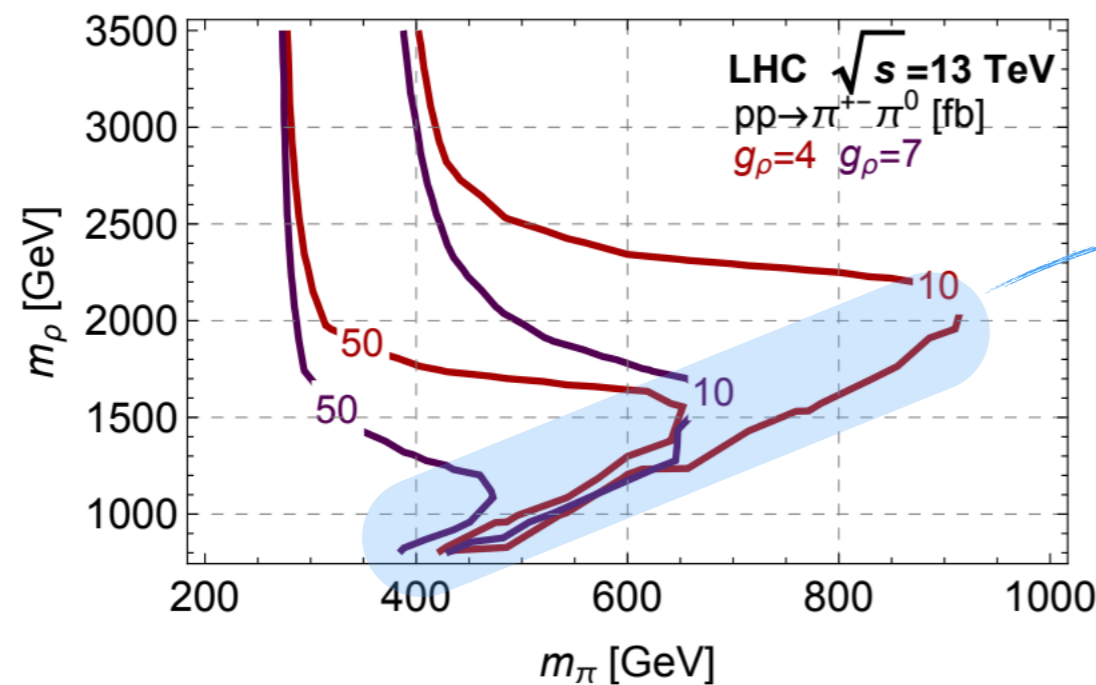
Almost 100%  $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decay

Model available at [http://feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/VLC\\_LN](http://feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/VLC_LN)

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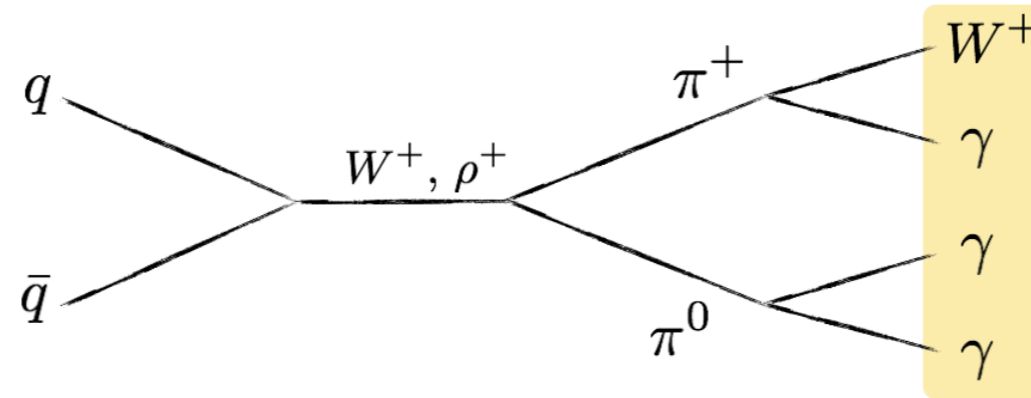


The exchange of a resonant techni-rho boosts the cross-section

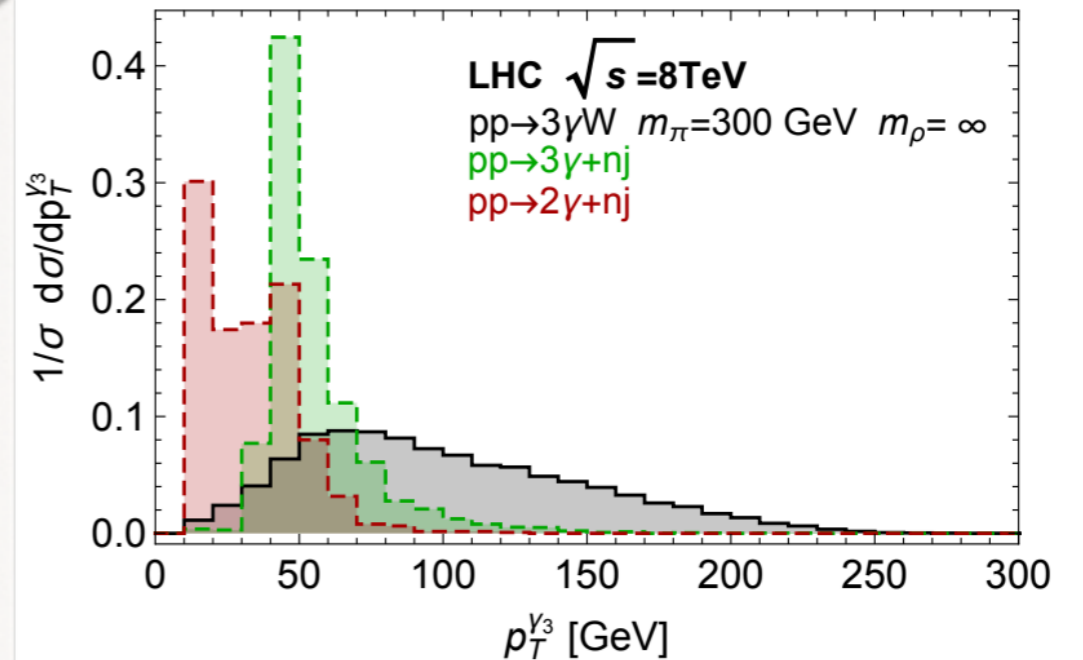
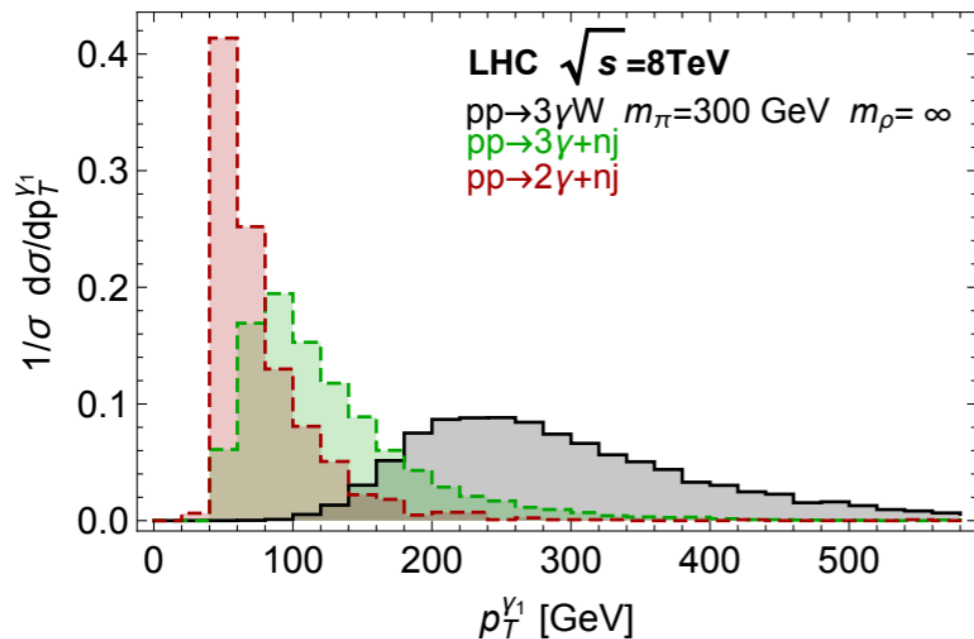


Resonant regime

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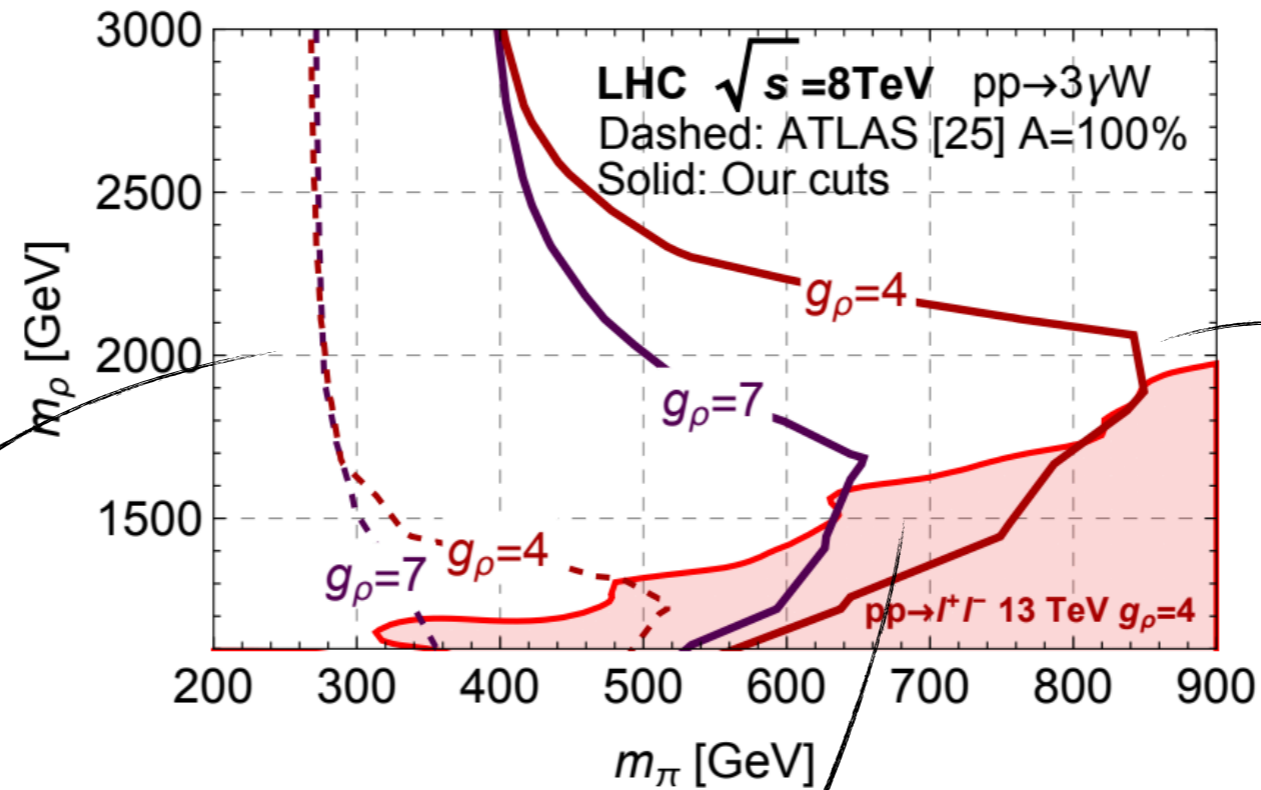
Clean  $3\gamma W$  signature with  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  fb rates



Hard photons allows to effectively reduce fake backgrounds from  $2\gamma j$

# Collider Physics of VLC theories

8 TeV



Bounds from current  $3\gamma$  searches

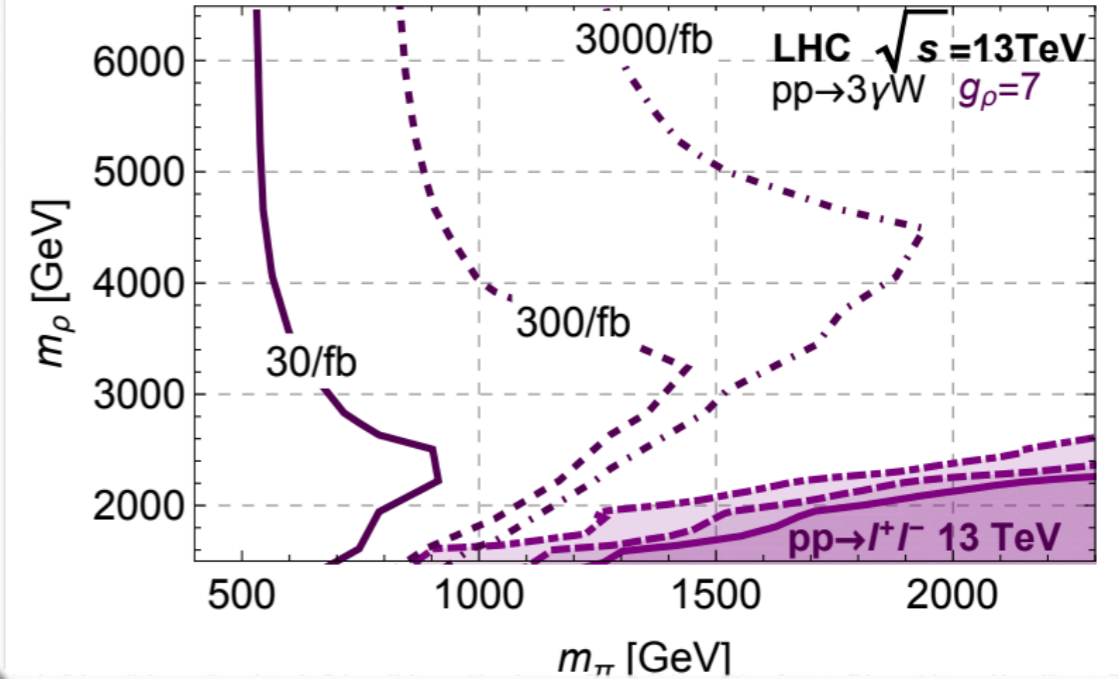
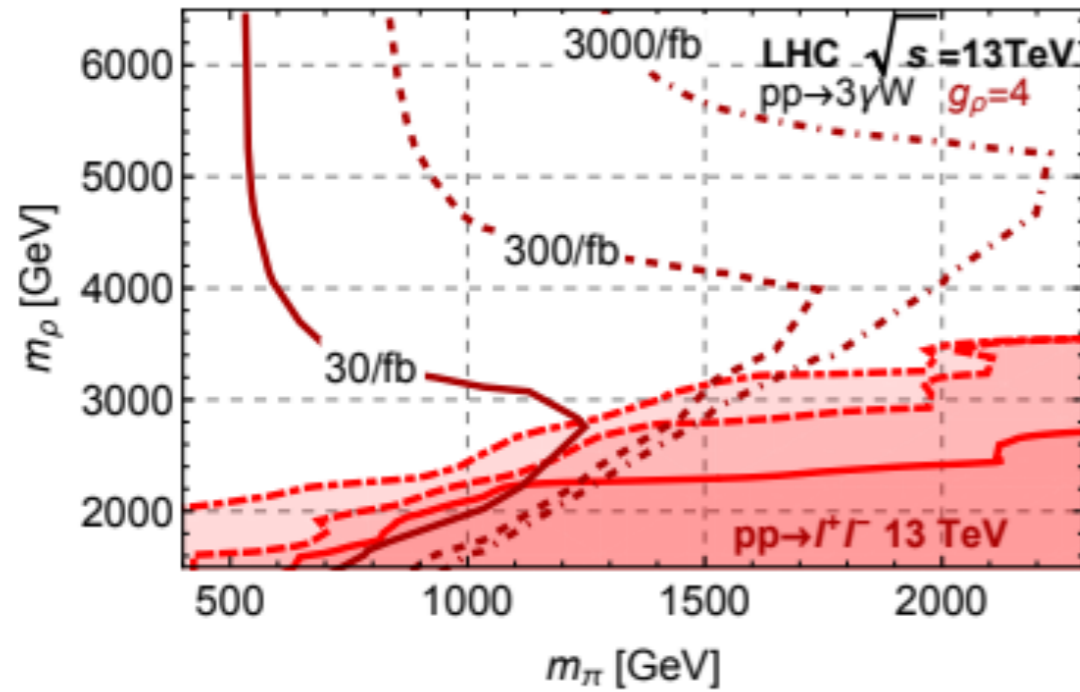
$$p_T^{\gamma_{1,2,3}} > 22, 22, 17 \text{ GeV}$$

Limits from optimized cuts

$$p_T^{\gamma_{1,2,3}} > 250, 75, 75 \text{ GeV}$$

Complementarity with dilepton searches which loose sensitivity when the decay into pions is allowed -  $g_\rho \gg g_{\text{SM}}$

# Collider Physics of VLC theories



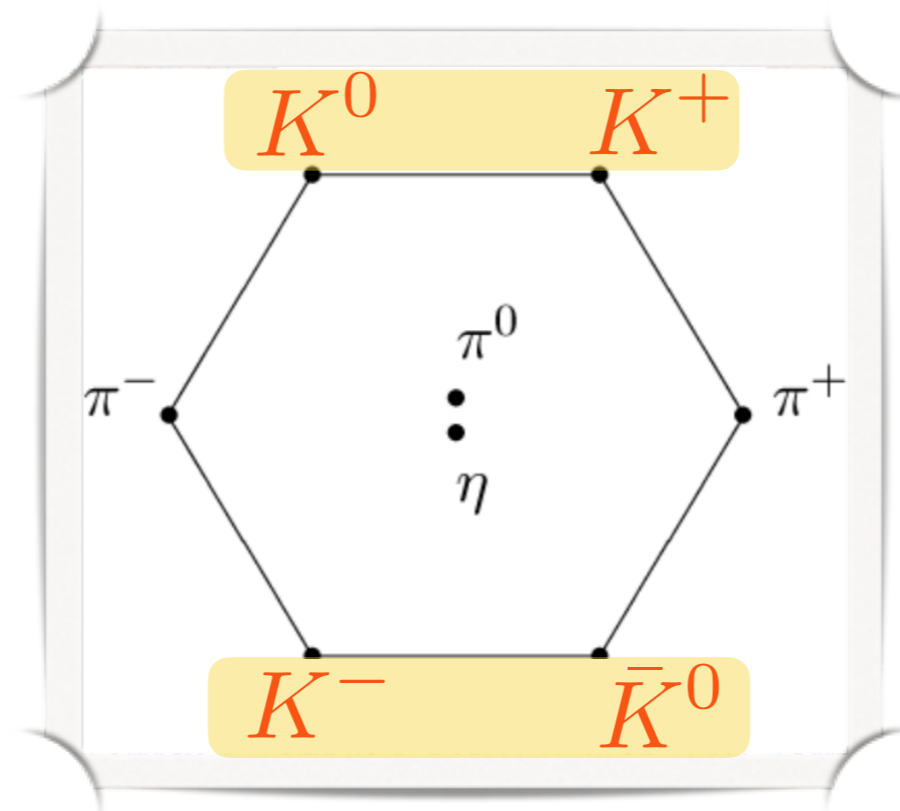
Simple selection cuts can improve the sensitivity up to  $\sim 1$  TeV  $\pi$  masses

$$p_T^{\gamma_{1,2,3}} > 300, 100, 100 \text{ GeV}$$

No peak reconstruction required

The ATLAS collaboration is performing such analysis 😊

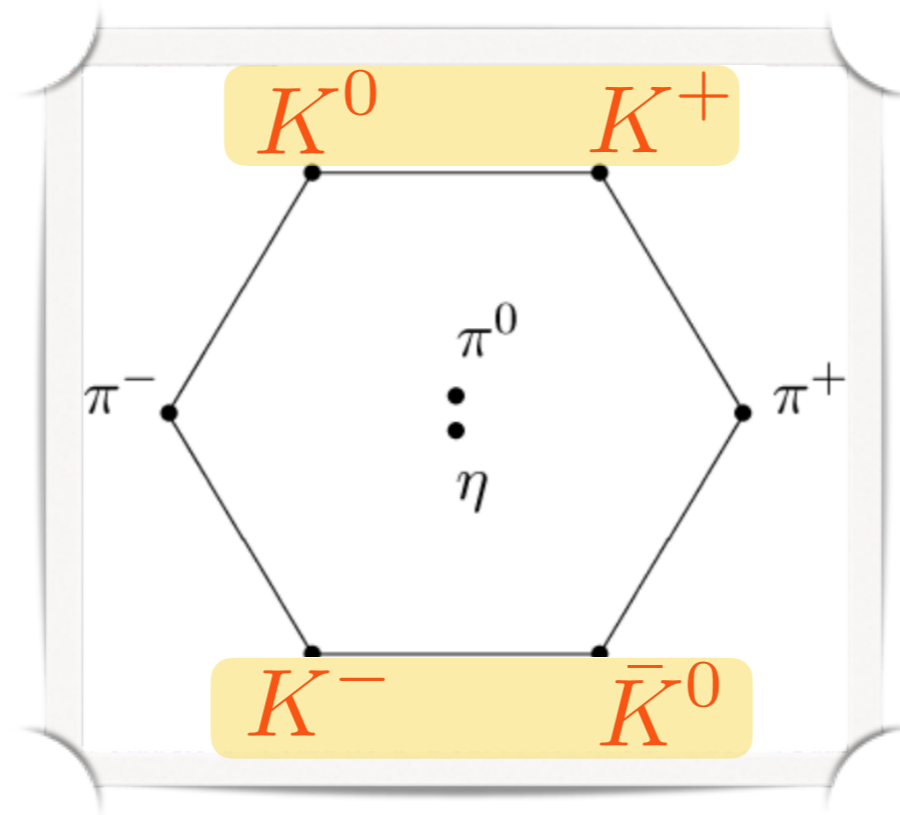
# Collider Physics of VLC theories



Anomalous scenario:

- stable due to species number conservation
- Signatures:
  - $K^0$  missing energy
  - $K^\pm$  charged track in the detector  $m_K \gtrsim 400 \text{ GeV}$

# Collider Physics of VLC theories



Mixed scenario:

$$y_+ \ll y_-$$

- 2HDM type-I like structure:

or

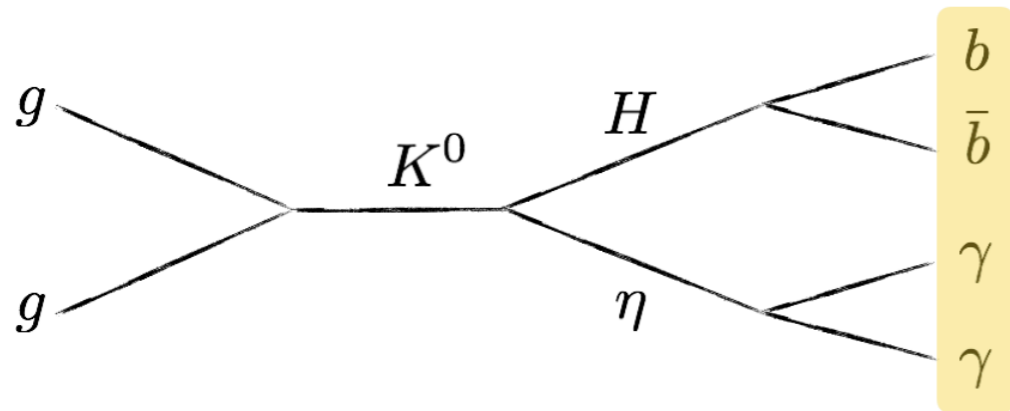
give rise to different pheno

$$y_+ \gg y_-$$



# Collider Physics of VLC theories

$$\frac{\Gamma(K^0 \rightarrow t\bar{t})}{\Gamma(K^0 \rightarrow H\eta)} \sim 36 \frac{y_-^2}{|y_+|^2} \frac{y_t^2}{g_\rho^2} \frac{m_\rho^2}{m_K^2} \quad \text{if } y_+ \gg y_- \quad K^0 \rightarrow H\eta \text{ dominates}$$

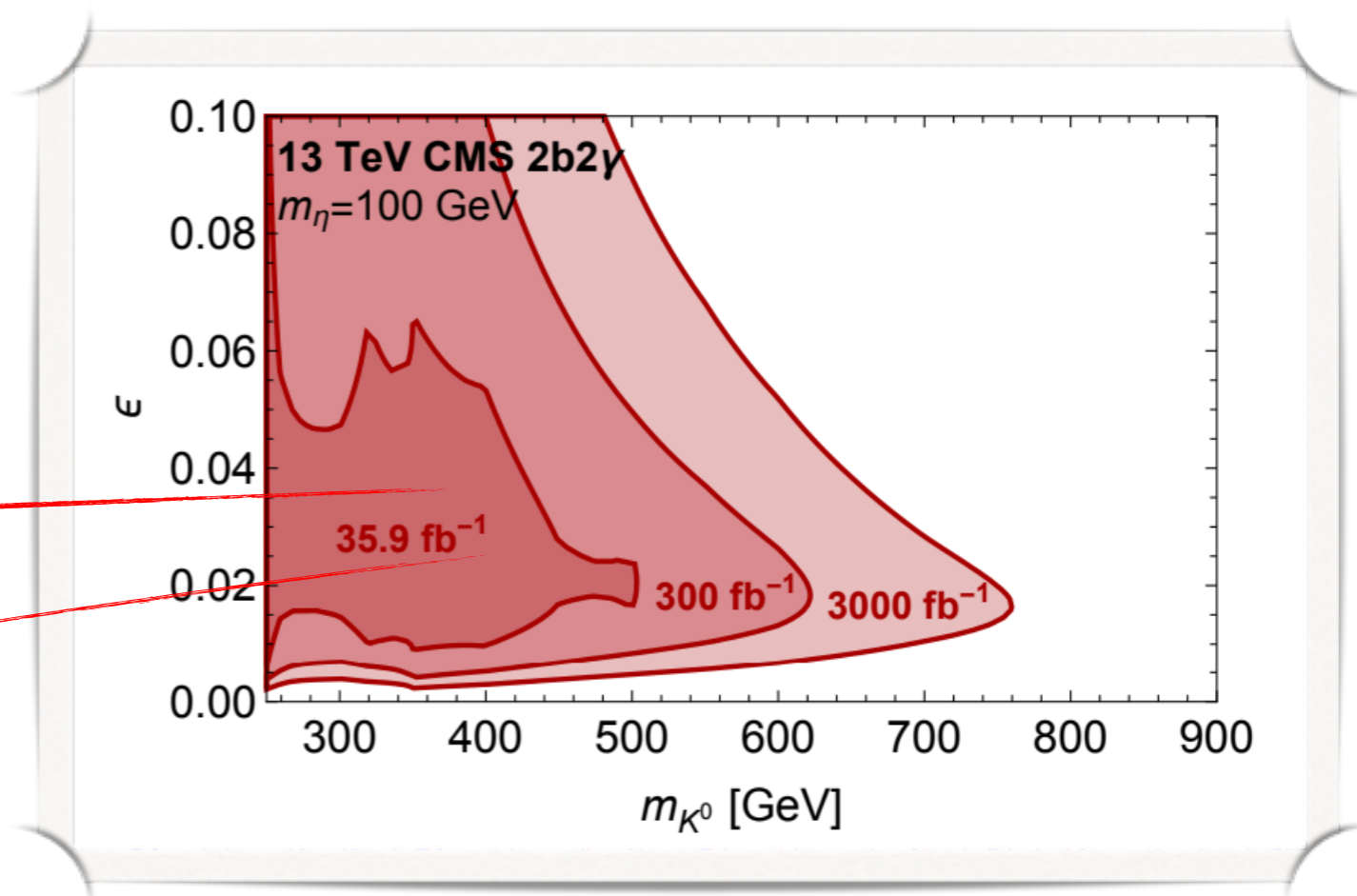


$2b2\gamma$  final state - HH production

Gain  $\frac{\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma)}{\text{BR}(H \rightarrow 2\gamma)} \sim 10^3$  sensitivity

Probe also for  $\eta$

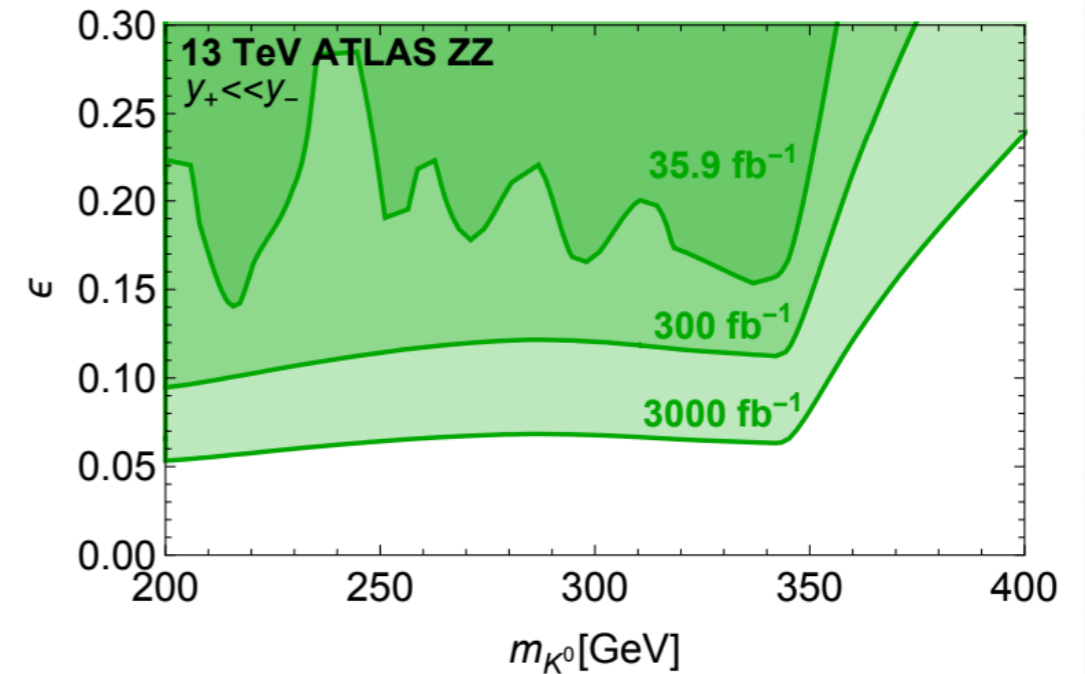
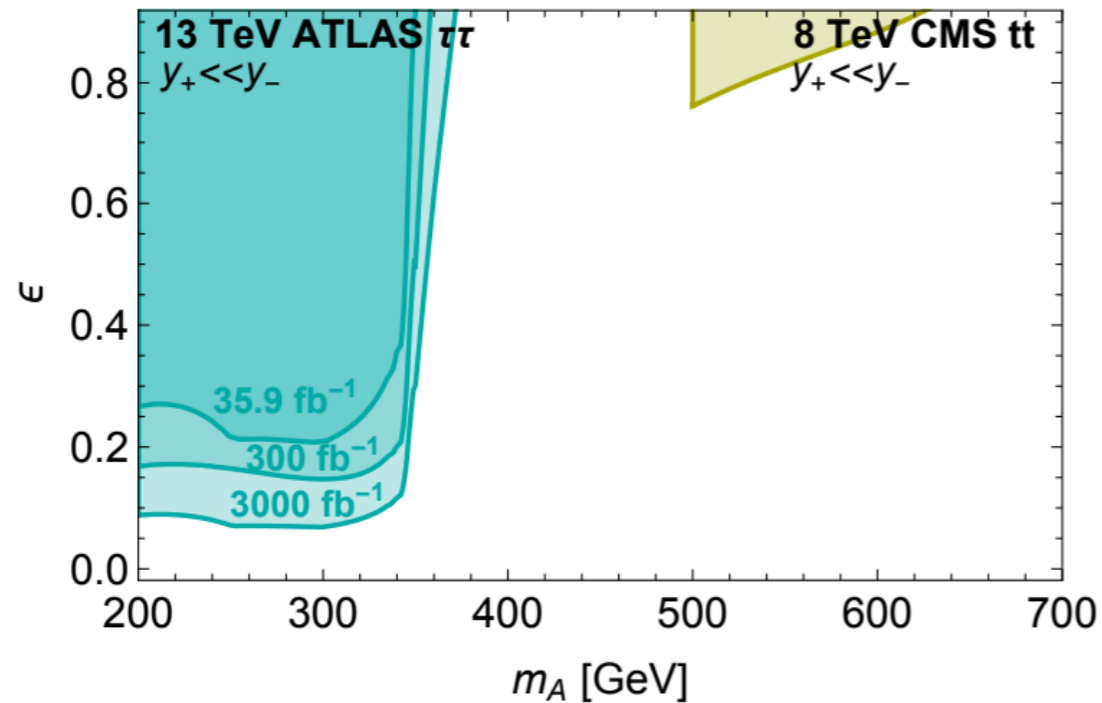
Strong bound on the mixing angle





# Collider Physics of VLC theories

If  $y_+ \ll y_-$  heavy-Higgs like behaviour



Heavy Higgs searches probe of this regime

# Collider Physics of VLC theories

Models with a V-type VLQ presents quintuplet pNGBS

No mixing with the Higgs - simple phenomenology

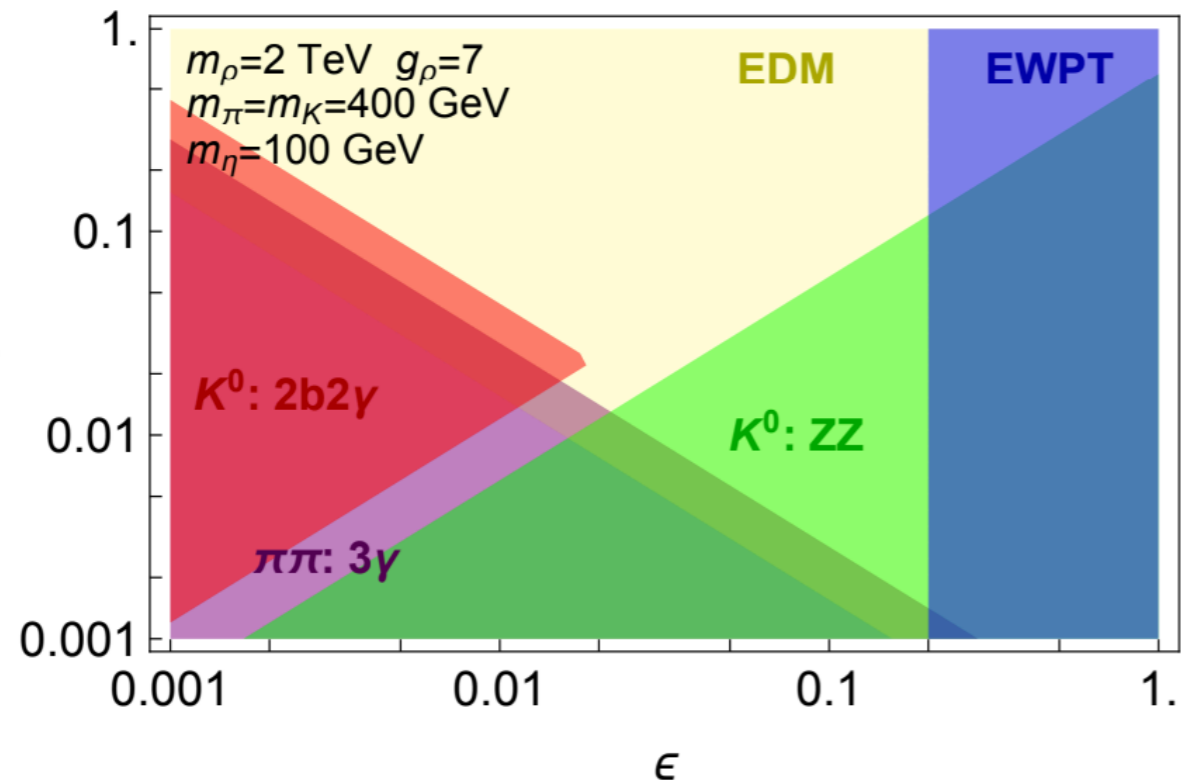
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(pp \rightarrow \phi^{++}\phi^{--}) &= 4 \times \sigma(pp \rightarrow \phi^+\phi^-) = 4 \times \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-), \\ \sigma(pp \rightarrow \phi^{\pm\pm}\phi^{\mp}) &= \frac{2}{3} \times \sigma(pp \rightarrow \phi^{\pm}\phi^0) = 2 \times \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^0).\end{aligned}$$

$4W$  final state - same-sign multilepton  $m_{\phi^{++}} \gtrsim 400 \text{ GeV}$

$3\gamma W$  as for the pions - with higher cross-section

# LHC Pheno Summary

$$d_e \sim 10^{-26} \text{ e cm} \times \text{Im}[y_- y_+^*] \times \left( \frac{\text{TeV}}{\text{Min}[m_{\pi,3,\eta}]} \right)^4 \times \left( \frac{m_\rho}{\text{TeV}} \right)^2$$



Anomalous scenario

NGB	Production	Decay	Model parameters	LHC
$\pi$	EW pair prod.	multi- $V_T$	$c_{VV} N / f_\pi$	✓
$K$	EW pair prod.	disappearing tracks/HSCP/ $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	-	✓

Tree-level scenario  $y_- \gg y_+$

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$P$ -invariant scenario  $y_+ \gg y_-$

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$\eta$	$gg$ -fusion / $K$ decay	$V_T V_T, tt, bb$	$\epsilon y_+$	✓

- VLC theories are safe from EWPT and flavour bounds
- Rich phenomenology testable in multiple final states
- Signatures common to many models for composite Dark Matter
- Experimental efforts are being pursued

**What else?**

For  $SU(N)$  NP with N-odd  $\mathcal{B} \sim \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N} \psi_1 \psi_2 \dots \psi_N$  is a fermion

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Lightest state expected to have spin 1/2

States with the quantum number of a right-handed neutrino

$$\mathcal{L}_{IR} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_1^3} \mathcal{L} \tilde{H} [\psi\psi\psi] + \frac{1}{\Lambda_2^5} [\psi\psi\psi] [\psi\psi\psi] + \frac{1}{\Lambda_3^5} [\bar{\psi} \bar{\psi} \psi] [\psi\psi\psi] + \dots$$

↓

$$\mathcal{L}_{IR} \sim \frac{\mu^3}{\Lambda_1^3} \mathcal{L} \tilde{H} B_R + \frac{\mu^6}{\Lambda_2^5} (B_R B_L + L \leftrightarrow R) + \frac{\mu^6}{\Lambda_3^5} (\bar{B}_L B_R + R \leftrightarrow L) + \dots$$

Need to break the accidental technibaryon symmetry to allow for the mixing

Without further protections this triggers the decay of the DM technibaryon

**Q: Possible to reconcile**

$$\tau_{DM} > 10^{17} \text{ s}$$

$$m_\nu \sim \text{eV}$$

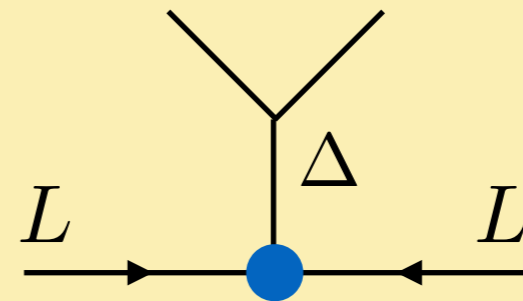
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Another possibility is to use a technimeson instead than a technibaryon

Models with a technimeson with  $(1,3,1)$  quantum number under GSM exist

Is it possible to realize the Weinberg operator via a  $\sim$  type II see-saw

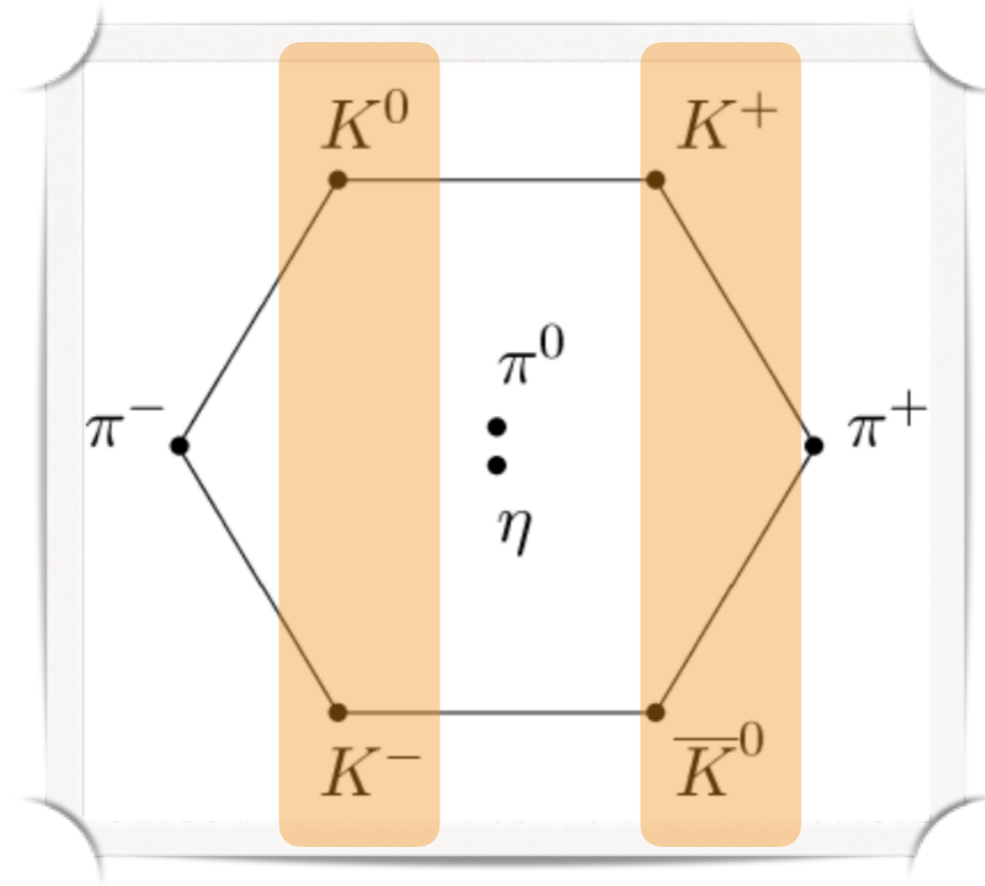
$$\mathcal{L} \sim \bar{L}^c \epsilon \Delta L$$



$\Delta$  is  $\bar{\psi}\psi$  to generate the interaction no need to break the accidental U(1)

In principle possible to reconcile DM and neutrino masses

Consider  $SU(3)$  NP theories with  $L + N$  quantum numbers



Higgs doublet  
quantum numbers

**QCD-like dynamics: easy to study**



From the expansion of the chiral Lagrangian

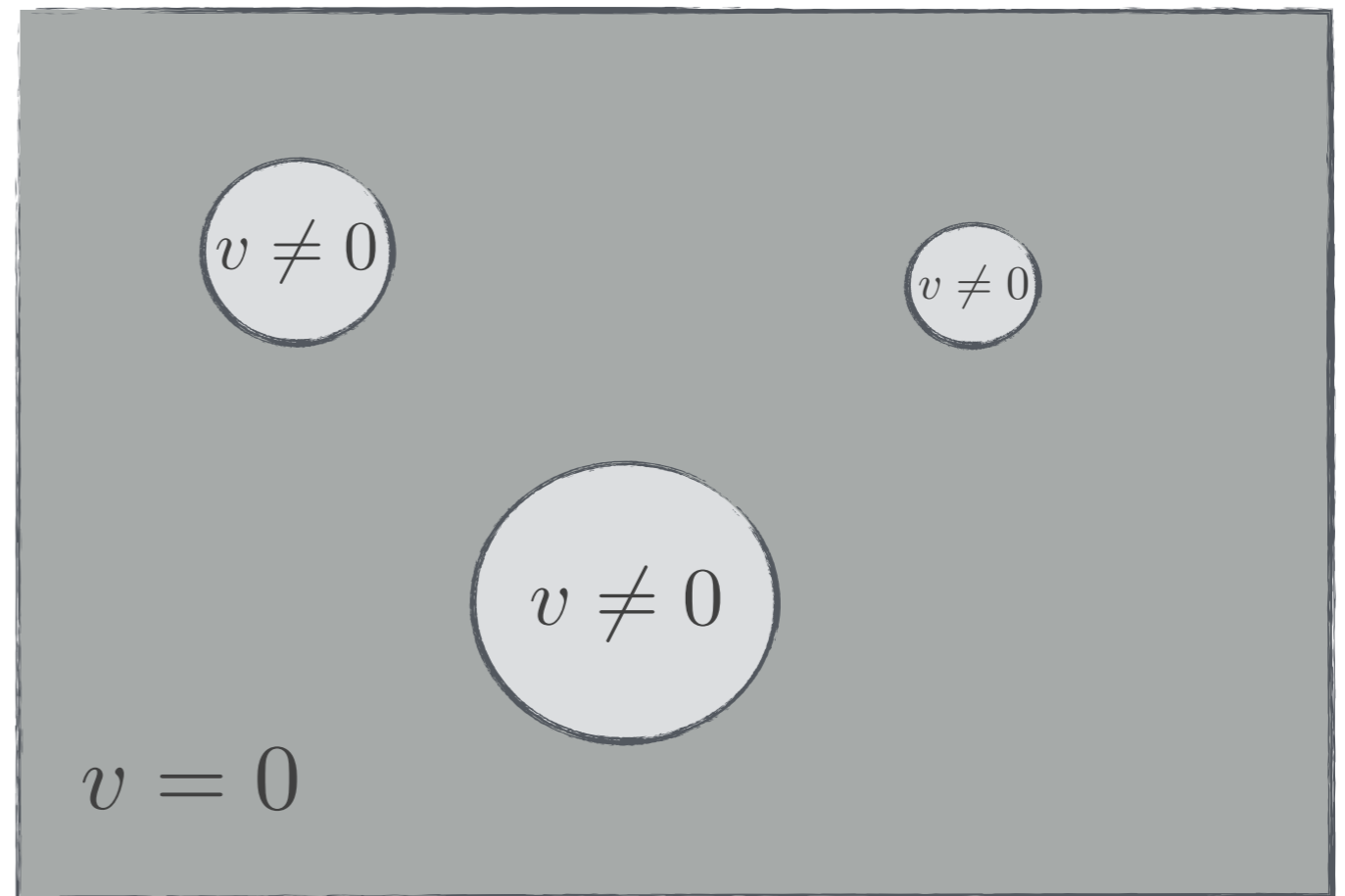
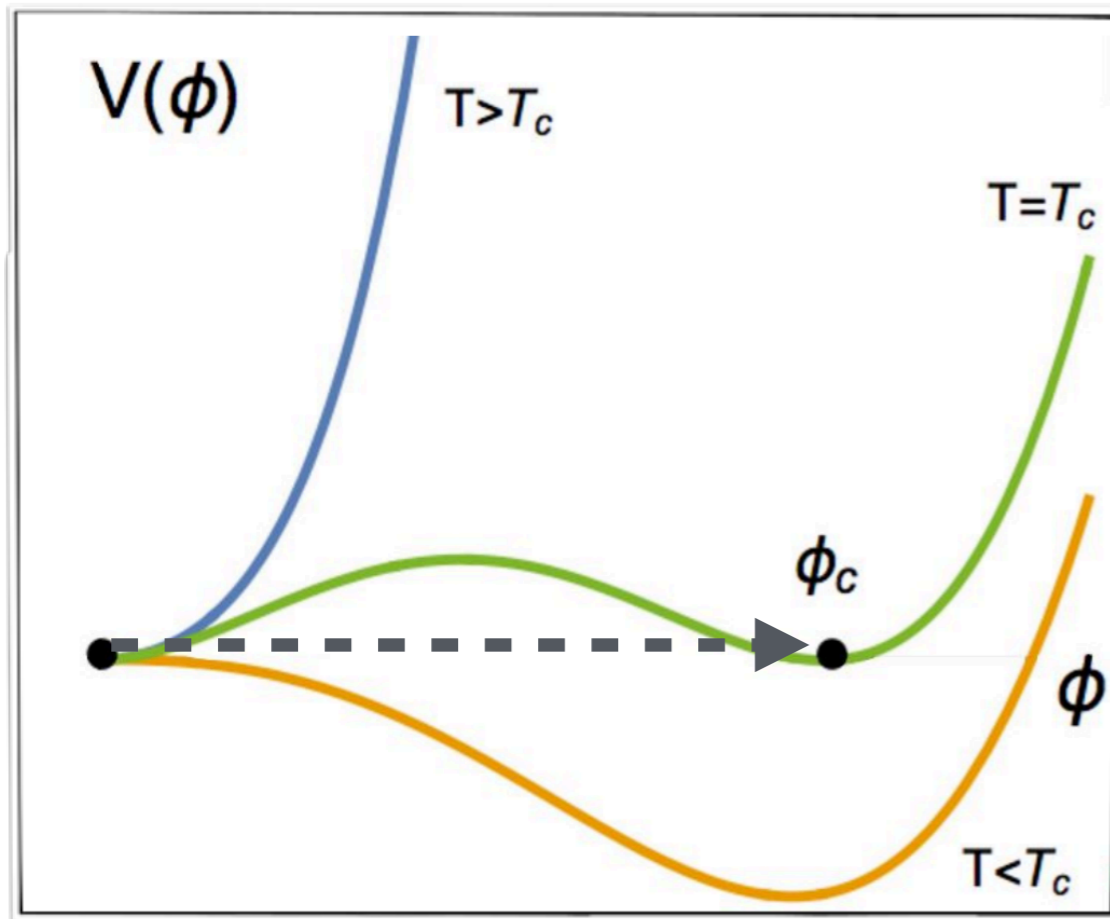
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CPT}} \sim \lambda H^\dagger \tilde{K} \tilde{\eta}^2 \rightarrow \lambda s_\beta |H|^2 \tilde{\eta}^2$$

**Induces temperature dependent cubic term in the Higgs potential**

$$V \sim m^2(\tau) |H|^2 - \frac{(\lambda s_\beta)^{3/2} \tau}{12 \pi} |H|^3 + \lambda |H|^4$$

$$v_c/T_c \sim v^2/m_h^2 \lambda \sin \beta$$

**True vacuum via bubbles nucleation**



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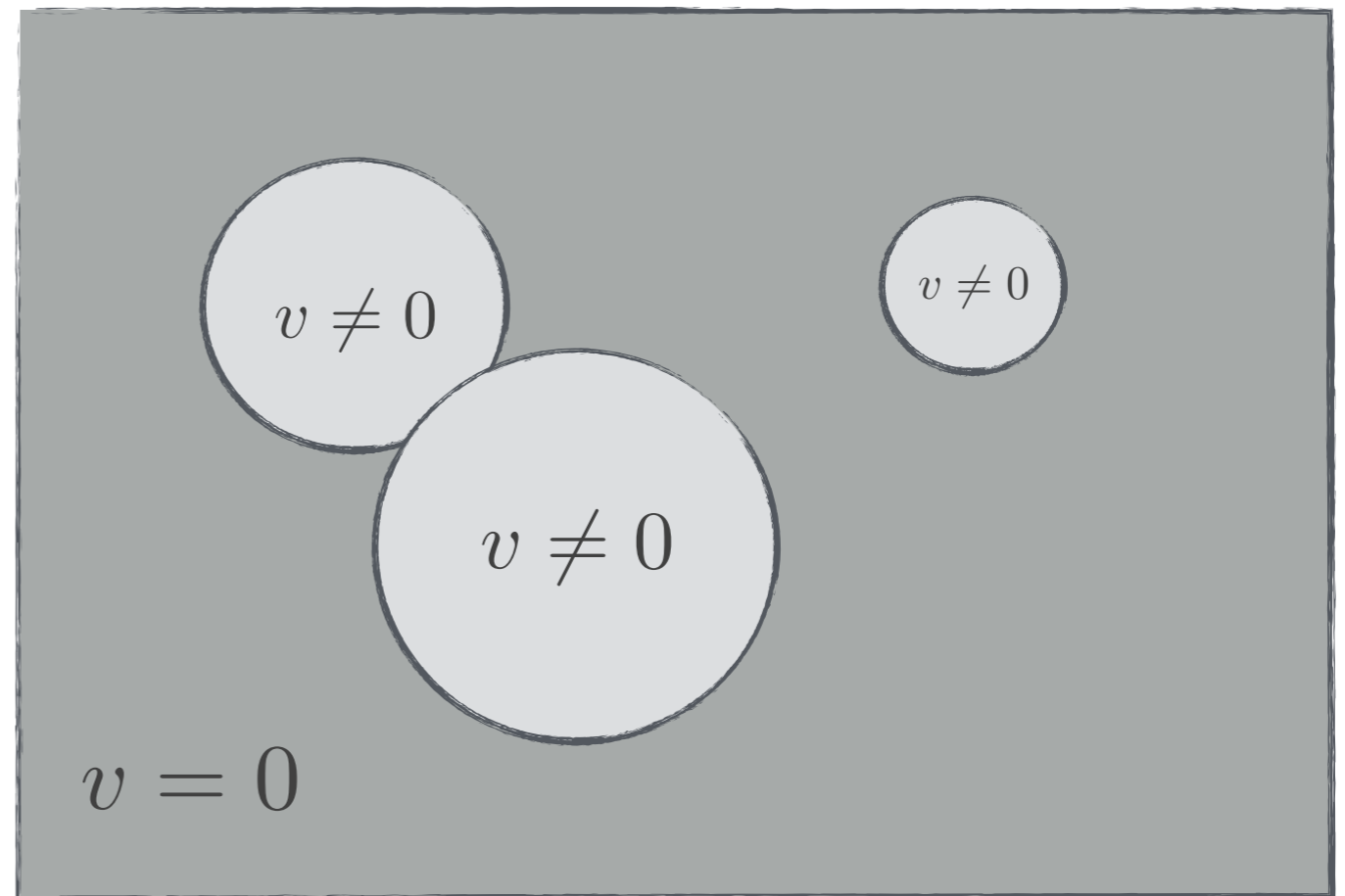
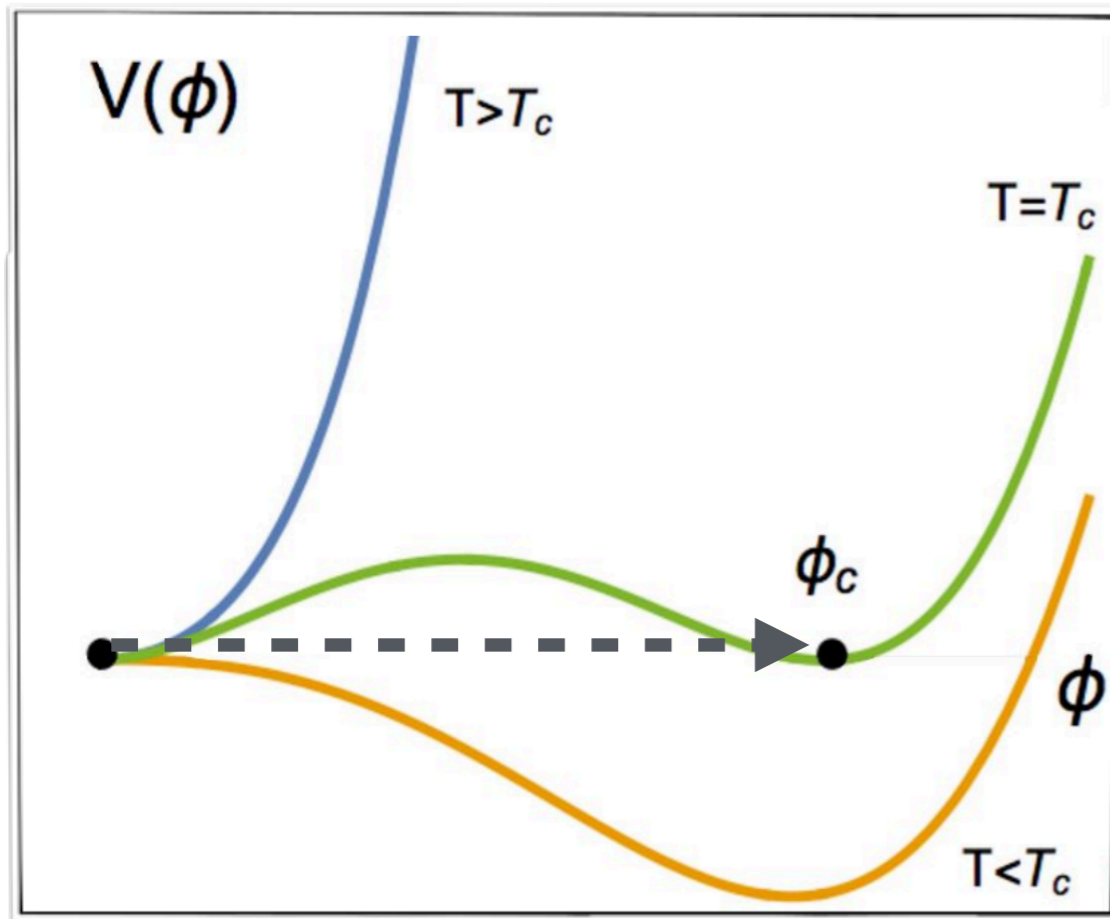
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$$V \sim m^2(\tau) |H|^2 - \frac{(\lambda s_\beta)^{3/2} \tau}{12\pi} |H|^3 + \lambda |H|^4$$

$$v_c/T_c \sim v^2/m_h^2 \lambda \sin \beta$$

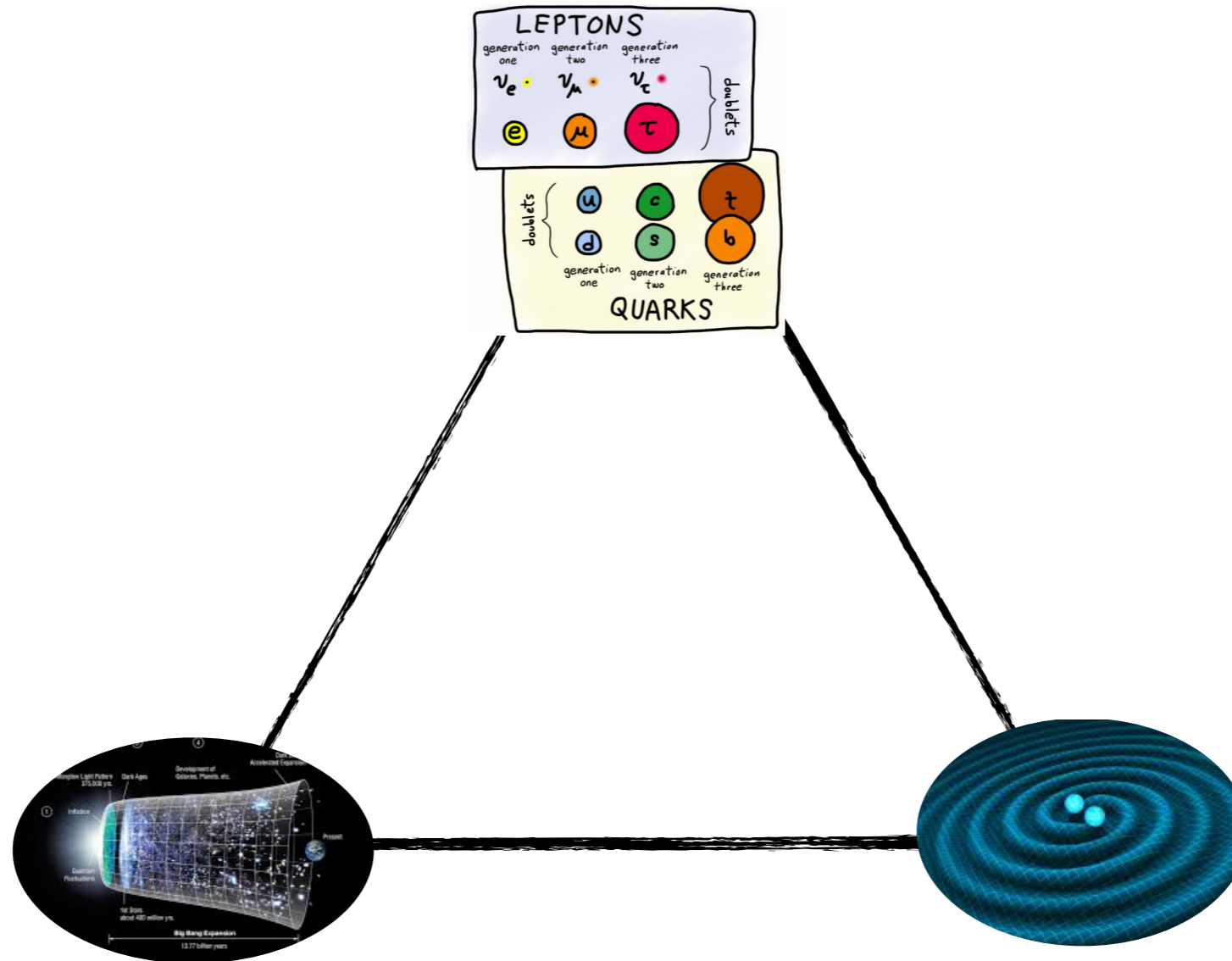
**True vacuum via bubbles nucleation**



Bubble collision with  $T_c \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$  produces GW with frequencies 10 mHz

**In the range of GW interferometers!**

The Standard Model (+  $\Delta$ SM)  
**Elementary particle physics**  
**LHC, Belle-II, T2K, Icecube...**



$\Lambda$ CDM model  
**Cosmology**

**Planck, FermiLAT...**

General relativity  
**Gravity**

**Ligo, Virgo...**



# Multiphoton background

Comparison with ATLAS [25]

Process	[25] [fb]	Our [fb]
$3\gamma$	16.7	18.4
$2\gamma j$	17.2	83.4

Comparison with [44]

Process	[44] Gen. [fb]	Our Gen. [fb]	[44] Reco. [fb]	Our Reco. [fb]
$3\gamma + \{0, 1, 2\}j$	2.5	3.7	2.0	1.6
$2\gamma + \{0, 1, 2\}j$	$7.2 \times 10^3$	$9.7 \times 10^3$	5.9	4.7

$\gamma - j$  Mis-ID probability

$$\mathcal{P}_{j \rightarrow \gamma} = \begin{cases} 9.5 \times 10^{-4} + 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \times p_T / \text{GeV} & p_T < 28 \text{ GeV} \\ 0.0093 e^{-0.036 p_T^j / \text{GeV}} & p_T > 28 \text{ GeV} \end{cases}$$